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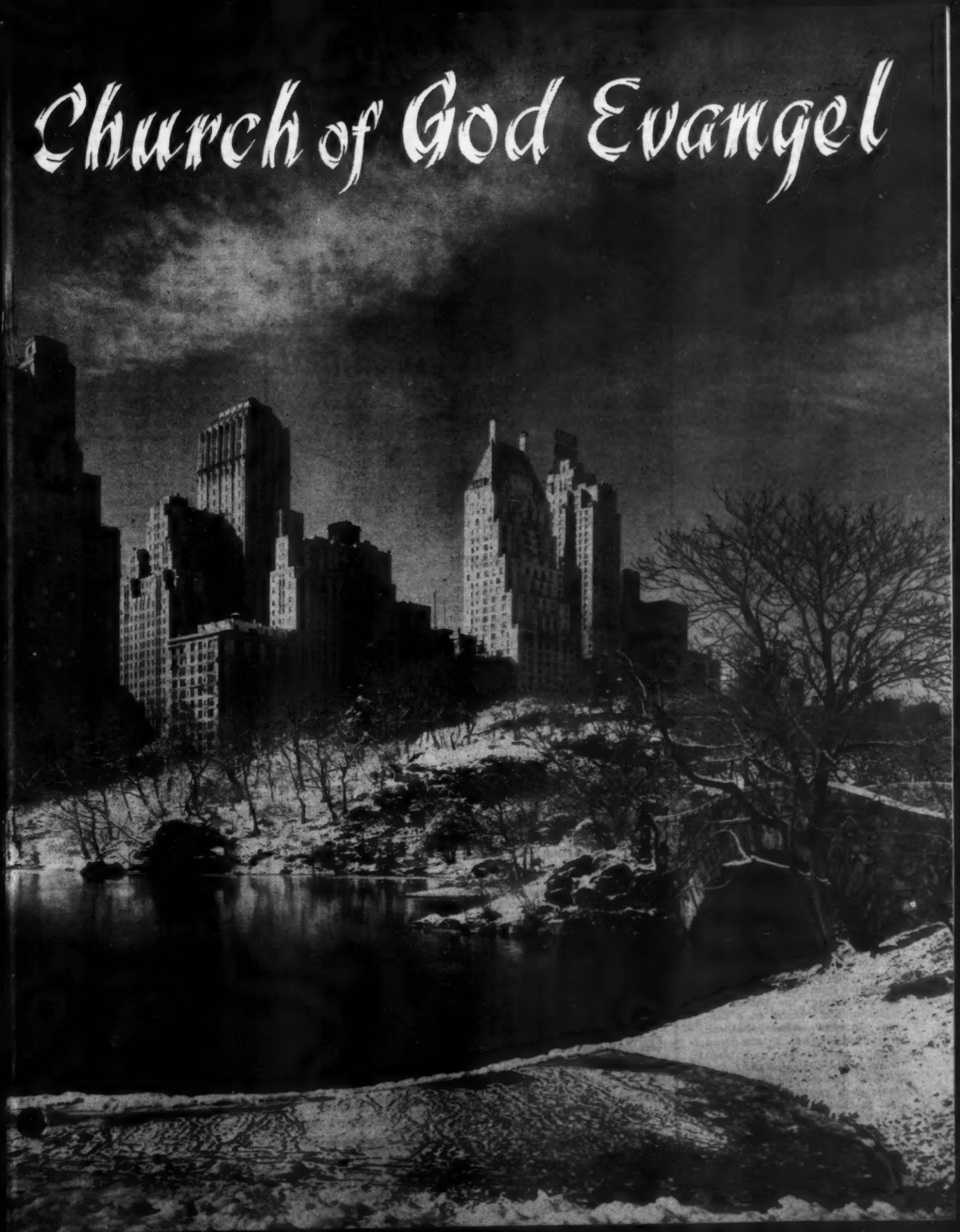

the Readers' response

To the Evangel Editor:

My letter is not meant for criticism, but I want some information. I have been led to believe that there is only one gift—healing, and that wisdom, knowledge, faith, miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirit, tongues, etc. are the manifestations of the spirit. Rev. (R. H.) Gause in his sermon, "The Unity of the Church," (November 8, 1952) states that there are nine gifts. But the Word states that there is only one gift—healing.

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THE REPLY OF MR. GAUSE,
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In the Authorized Version, the plural word "gifts," is used three times in 1 Corinthians 12, verses 1, 4, 31. In reference to the Gifts of the Spirit, it occurs several other times in reference to the gifts of healing. The specific term "gifts of prophecy" occurring in 1 Corinthians 13:3, 1, shows that healing is not the only manifestation that is referred to as a gift. The word "manifestation" occurs once, and it is in singular form (verse 7). From the original Greek to the English translation, there is a difficulty of idiom. The original uses only the word **pneumatikon** which is translated "spiritual gifts." The use of the term "gifts" is fully justified, however, since all these manifestations are given (verse 8). The term translated by our English word "gift" is **charisma**, and it is used in its plural form in the original.

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To the Evangel Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the Evangel and the other literature of our church. Since leaving the states to come to Korea, they have been my source of obtaining spiritual messages from God's Word. I especially enjoy the Father-Son messages and "Marks of a Living Church." After finishing with the Evangels, I take them to the post library and place them on the magazine shelf, and I have noticed a number of other men reading them and I feel as though they will receive a blessing from them. The only criticism that I have to offer is that they are just too short. I would like to see the paper grow to a much larger paper. I would like to ask the readers to remember us in their prayer. I should also enjoy hearing from the Christian young people of our church, as mail is a great morale builder. May God richly bless you at home as you carry on the great work of God and His church.

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To the Evangel Editor:

I enjoy the Evangel so much I can hardly wait from one week to another. The Question Box is one of the best features, in my opinion. I think it has been needed for so long.

Bobby Williams,
Pastor,
Freeburn, Ky.

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To the Evangel Editor:

I have just received the Evangel for December 6, and have carefully read your editorial entitled "Don't Hid Behind Nothing." This is wonderful and timely for both the ministry and laity. The Lord must have helped you. Please let us have some more of the same type. I fear that most of the children of Adam and Eve, though many of them have enjoyed the second birth, sometime resort to one or more of these unwholesome efforts to criticize, besmirch, or obtain counsel under false representations. Perhaps sometimes it is unthoughtedly, but the evil remains.

Cecil M. Truesdell,
Pastor,
Lynnville, Iowa.

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To the Evangel Editor:

After reading your editorial in the December 6 issue of the Evangel, I heartily concur with that which you have written. May I say I certainly like the arrangement of the Evangel at present. I, for one, like the father-son arrangement.

Jackie G. Bridges,
Florida State Secretary
and Treasurer.

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To the Evangel Editor:

Have just read the Evangel for December 3, 1952, and surely enjoyed reading it. I would miss the Evangel very much if I did not get it. I am living alone, and it helps me so much to read our official organ when I am lonesome. I intend to always receive the Evangel.

Mrs. Callie Guire,
Soddy, Tennessee.

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Jesus Christ, the Same . . .

By A. V. BEAUBE

I AM HAPPY today to write a few words from the Bible. I have selected for consideration the subject "Jesus Christ, the Central Theme of the Bible," for whom the prophets and patriarches of old looked, and of whom John the Baptist, while preaching at the river Jordan and baptizing those who would accept his message, said: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Never a greater proclamation has been made by any man than of Jesus, the Son of God, when He was introduced to the world.

We use fcr our text the 8th verse of the 13th chapter of Hebrews, the concluding chapter and expressions of the well qualified writer of this book. He had undertaken to explain the difference in the levitical priesthood and that of the New Testament. We find in the 4th chapter of this book, verses 15 and 16, "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Thus his concluding remarks were, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

First, Jesus Christ of yesterday. In Revelation 13:8 we are taught that He stood as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. I do not know just when or where, but in the council of God, somewhere in ages passed, there was an agreement that man should inhabit the earth, and that Jesus would stand as a sacrifice for him if and when he should fail.

As early as Genesis 3:16, God promised to put enmity between the woman and Satan, and between her seed and his seed, because of transgressions that had come into the human family.

Many of the prophets looked for His coming. I mention only one, Isaiah 9:6, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

In the darkened condition of the world at this time, this man of God prophesied that he saw a time when Jesus, the Light of the World, should come, and stated, Isaiah 9:7, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment, and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

WE COME to the New Testament and hear the words of the angel recorded at Matthew 1:21,"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Now we would like to drop back and give you one of His personal appearances among men before He came and was born of the virgin Mary. In the 3d chapter of Daniel is the story with which all Bible readers are familiar, the story of three Hebrew children who would not bow to the king's image and were thrown into the furnace of fire. I give you the 25th verse: "He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

I should like for you to notice that when His people were in the fire, He was in there with them, and that the only effect the fire had upon the Hebrew children was that the cord which bound them was loosened. That, my friend, is the Christ of yesterday.

I shall now write of the Christ of today or in New Testament times. Matthew 8:2, "And behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Notice, he did not send the poor leper away, but said, "I will, be thou clean."

Matthew 9:20, 21, "And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him and touched the hem of his garment, for she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole." In Luke 18:35-43, a poor blind begger cries, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." Jesus asked, "What wilt thou that I shall do unto thee?" "Lord, that I may receive my sight," he said and Jesus healed him. In Luke 10:1-10, a rich publican, yes, that hated tax-gatherer, wanted to see Him. As soon as he showed signs of repentance, Jesus went home with him.

SEE YONDER in the Temple, He sits teaching the people. There came a group of men with a poor outcast woman taken in the grossest kind of sin. They wanted to stone her. After a few words with the men, He wrote on the ground. I do not know what He wrote. He might have written: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost," or maybe He wrote, "For the Son of man came not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." I do know what He said! When the woman assured Him that since He had asked the man without sin to cast the first stone, all were gone and no one to condemn her, He said, "Neither do I condemn thee; go and sin no more."

In the 18th chapter of John's Gospel, we see Him in Gethsemane praying. A mob comes for Him. His request was, "Let these go." This, Christian, is His attitude today.

He had spent His brief but busy life with His followers; had been crucified, and had risen again. He led His dis-

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What Happened

By C. R. SPAIN

ACTS 2:1-4

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

PENTECOST is one of the seven great annual Hebrew feasts. These feasts are set forth in Leviticus, the twenty-third chapter. The term "Pentecost" is derived from the Greek word meaning fifty, and signifies the period of time from the Passover until the giving of the law on Sinai. However, when we read from the book of Deuteronomy, 16:19 ("Deuteronomy" means a commentary, or a restating of the law), we discover that the numbering of the fifty days began from the feast of first fruits instead of Passover. The Passover commemorated the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt and pointed to the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary. The Feast of First Fruits was the third day after the Passover and set forth the resurrection of Christ, for, as Paul states, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept." Then the fifty days is numbered from the resurrection instead of the crucifixion. This would give three days for the death and resurrection of Christ, forty days that He remained on the earth before His ascension, and ten days that the disciples tarried in the upper room. This day could have been forgotten, and the name might have disappeared in the stale heap of abrigated Hebrew liturgy, had not God selected it as the day He would first pour out the baptism of the Spirit on the Church.

The day had fully come. The day of Pentecost had fully come in the plan of God. Jesus, the Passover Lamb, had risen from the tomb. The period of forty days was over in which Christ remained in the world to give infallible proof of His resurrection and to reinterpret the Scriptures in the light of His sufferings. The tenth day of the disciples' tarrying had dawned, and the Church was in the upper room expecting the promise of the Father.

The day of Pentecost had fully come, according to the Levitical law. The Jews had gathered in Jerusalem from the nations of the civilized world. The high priest had prepared himself for this great occasion. He was adorned in his priestly robes and the animals were ready to be sacrificed. Two loaves had been baked for the wave offering. Yes, for him and the followers of the law the day had fully come.

THE DAY had fully come for the one hundred and twenty disciples, for they were in one place and in one accord. All necessary consecration had been made, and their faith was at a glorious height. According to the record, the original eleven and Mary the mother of Jesus were in the congregation. We can be sure the remaining part of the one hundred and twenty was composed of those who had been graciously affected by the ministry of Christ. Perhaps Mary and Martha, with Lazarus, had journeyed from Bethany to be in this upper room prayer and praise meeting. The two sisters were no longer disputing over who would do the housekeeping, for all in this meeting were in one accord. It is highly possible that Bartimaeus, the poor blind beggar, and Zacchaeus, the rich tax collector, had traveled from Jericho together. Their positions in life made no difference, for all in this meeting were in one accord. More than likely Nicodemus, no longer shocked by the doctrine of the new birth, was there waiting for the Comforter. James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were not now seeking the positions of honor next to the throne, but, as the others, they were seeking for the Holy Spirit. This entire body of seekers was in one accord, and for them the day had fully come.

This fiftieth day was surely a lovely one. Jerusalem and the Judean hills were bathed in the warm rays of the early morning sun. The birds were singing their most beautiful songs, because this was the day of Pentecost, and the Holy Spirit was to be inaugurated into the militant Church. It was in the darkness of night, when, as a babe, the Light of the World was born, but now the day had fully come.

The Holy Spirit, in His fulness of power, was coming to endue the followers of Christ. It was nine o'clock in the morning. The high priest took his position of honor and began to wave the offering before the Lord. Then suddenly, over in the upper room, there was a sound as of a rushing mighty wind, cloven (or divided) tongues like as of fire, and the one hundred and twenty began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. It was a beautiful and impressive ceremony the high priest was conducting, but while he was enjoying the ceremony, the one hundred and twenty were enjoying the blessing.

LUKE definitely gives us the point of origin, because the sound came from heaven. Many would have you believe that the sound of Pentecost comes from some other direction. In the very beginning of this marvelous experience there was a marvelous sound, and though it was not wind, it sounded as a mighty, rushing wind. According to the statements of many, the noise of Pentecost has been quite annoying to them. But since we are living in a world of noise, in which we are constantly hearing the ringing of bells, the blowing of horns, the screeching of brakes, the blaring of radios, and the cheering of politicians, we must conclude that it is not the noise that disturbs them, but the fact that it is not their crowd making the noise.

The second emblem employed is fire. While the wind sets forth refreshing, the fire denotes illumination and comfort. Both of these signify deity. Since Pentecost is a manifestation of God's power, the power and authority of man can not stop this mighty Pentecostal movement.

There are those who are skeptical and say, "We will believe if we can hear the sound as wind and see the

at PENTECOST?

tongues as fire." The unbelievers who gathered in Acts 2:6 had nothing to say about the tongues as of fire and the sound as wind, but they were confounded because they heard these Galileans speak in their native tongues. Nowhere does the Bible state that unbelievers saw fire or heard the sound as wind. If one must see to believe, and this is his test regarding Pentecost, then it should be the test on all other religious doctrine. We believe in angels, Psalm 34:7, yet very few of us, if any of us, have ever seen an angel. We believe in God, and the Scripture declares that no man has seen God. (1 John 4:12.) If it is necessary to see in order to believe, how can we believe in God? The fact that we have not seen some things does not make them any the less real. There are believers today who will testify that they have seen the tongues of fire in our services.

When the one hundred and twenty received the Holy Ghost, they spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. There are two other references in the book of Acts where believers, when baptized with the Holy Ghost, spoke with tongues. While Peter was at Cornelius' home, chapter ten and verse forty-six, "they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Also in 19:6, "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." This happened at Ephesus in a service attended by the apostle Paul. The outpouring at Cornelius' is one of the main points of controversy. What actually happened? Though the Word clearly states he was devout, feared God with all his house, gave much alms and prayed always, some have the nerve to say that he was not saved until Peter's visit. For the sake of argument, let's go along with this interpretation. Cornelius was converted while Peter was preaching. If he was saved while Peter was speaking, then, with his conversion, he spoke with tongues. If we entertain this interpretation, then a man will speak with tongues when he is saved, and if those who believe in this have not spoken with tongues, then they are not converted as was Cornelius converted. This man had the fruits of a new life before Peter's visit, and, as the apostle and the Jews were there, Cornelius and his household received the Holy Ghost, and they did as the Galileans on the day of Pentecost—spoke with tongues.

THE DAY of Pentecost is a popular subject, and congregations throughout the Church hear many messages on this topic. The main points of contention are: just what did happen? what kind of an experience did the disciples receive? and is it for us today? There are those who will say the disciples were converted while in the upper room. Others teach and preach that the one hundred and twenty were sanctified at this time. But whatever they received, they spoke with tongues as the Spirit moved upon them.

I recall a conversation with a minister of another faith. Our association was pleasant, and we enjoyed blessed fellowship as we pastored together in the same town. Upon one occasion we were discussing Pentecost, and I asked him to give me his version on what actually happened in the upper room. He told me of how the disciples were in one accord, of the sound as wind and the tongues of fire. According to his theory, the fire consumed all the dross that was in the one hundred and twenty, and they were gloriously sanctified. I casually asked him if he was sanctified like the disciples on the day of Pentecost, and he answered in the affirmative. Then I inquired if he spoke with tongues as the one hundred and twenty did when they were sanctified (that is, according to his interpretation). His answer was a firm 'no.' Then I told him that according to his own statement he did not receive the experience as the disciples did in the upper room. There is not but one consistent doctrine to preach, and that is of the Holy Spirit filling the clean, sanctified believer, and when He enters He will speak for Himself.

There is no KEEP OUT sign on the door of the upper room. Peter declares, in chapter two and verse thirty-nine, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Jesus put great emphasis upon the baptism of the Holy Spirit. He was constantly trying to make His followers see the importance of having this power in order for them to carry out the work He had outlined for them to do. "And being assembled together with them, he commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." The disciples listened in amazement and took to heart the words of Jesus, because after the ascension they went to Jerusalem and remained in the Temple worshiping and praising God. These followers of Christ had a tremendous job to do and a great message to proclaim. The fields were white and ready for harvest, but it was absolutely necessary that they be filled with that power before carrying out the Great Commission.

Finally, let us observe the importance of this experience and the emphasis given it in the Word of God. Take notice of the story of the Samaritan revival. In this spiritual awakening, an entire city had turned to God. Many miracles were being performed, for devils were being cast out; the sick were being healed; and the lame were being made to walk. However, this was not the conclusion of that revival, for when the apostles in Jerusalem heard of this revival, Peter and John were sent to contribute further to its success. When they arrived, "they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost." This revival was not complete until the new-made converts received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. An outpouring of Pentecost is the crowning point of any meeting, and miracles and wonders are no substitute for this wonderful experience. This same attitude is maintained throughout the New Testament. Peter was sent to Cornelius' home, and that devout, God-fearing man and his family re-

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The Father Foretells

By PAUL H. WALKER

Executive Missions Secretary

PROVERBS 23:24, "The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child [son] shall have joy of him."

FOR A FATHER to have gratification and joy in a wise son, he must set an example for the son in attitude and conduct.

The father's actions of yesterday and today influence and determine his son's actions tomorrow.

The father sees the traits, the ambitions, the disposition, the desires, the heartbreaks, the disappointments, the despondencies, the gaieties, and all that go to make up a normal, wide-awake, running, jumping youngster (son). You hear the father exclaim, in his heart, if not aloud, with a gleam in his eye and a thrill of joy in his heart as Solomon had, "That boy will be worth while to society one day. He'll be a star, a genius."

God said of His Son, with a heart of boundless love, Psalm 2:6, 7, "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." This was given at a time when the kings of the earth and the rulers had set themselves against God. God looked down and said of His Son, "I have begotten thee this day, and thou shalt be King and shall sit upon my holy hill, Mt. Zion." The Father spoke of the Son in Daniel on this wise: Daniel 2:44, ". . . the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed . . . it shall stand for ever." The Father foretells of this kingdom, the kingdom of His dear Son, when the wolf shall swell with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. My, how the Father must have had joy of His only Begotten. The Father's confidence in Him was so unwavering and sure that in Him was trusted the redemption of earth as the Father foretold.

THE FATHER FORETELLS THE HOPE OF REDEMPTION

Zechariah 9:12 shows the redemption of the souls of the Old Testament saints who could not be made perfect by the law, "for the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did," so the Father said of the prisoners of hope of the Old Testament, "Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee."

THE FATHER FORETELLS DELIVERANCE

WHILE SETTING the prisoner free, He must subject His Son to the horrors of the penalty of a broken law. The Father's voice resounded down through the shadows of the dispensation of the night of wanderings, despair, hopelessness, and gloom, with the assurance as spoken by the Psalmist (16:10, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption."

THE FATHER HIMSELF FORETELLS

Isaiah 7:14, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The Father Himself gave this prediction over seven hundred years before it happened. He foretold it that we might believe.

THE FATHER FORETELLS OF THE ROAD BUILDER

Isaiah 40:3-5, "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain; and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

The great theme here is "the sufferings of Christ, the glory that should follow in the Davidic kingdom, the final restoration of all things when the rough places will be made smooth, crooked paths straight, and hills and mountains be levelled out, and the ETERNAL FATHER'S GLORIFICATION IN THAT HE HAS FORETOLD."

THE FATHER FORETELLS OF THE MARRED FACE

Isaiah 52:14, "as many were astonished at thee; his VISAGE WAS SO MARRED more than any man, and his form more than the sons of man." God the Father stopped long enough to foretell to fallen man the price to be paid to bring reconciliation through the one and only true Sacrifice.

THE FATHER FORETELLS THE DEATH

What a heartbreaking picture and reality, revealing tragedy to such ungrateful mortals as we. Isaiah 53:4, 9 gives a vivid, explicit picture of His death. The Father

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The Son Fulfills

By Paul LaVern Walker

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The Son

MATTHEW 3:17, "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

THE GREATEST JOY of a son is to please his father. A son strives to reach the goals and principles that his father has exemplified for him in order that he might please his father in every way. When a father sees these expectations and dreams of yesteryear being fulfilled in his son, his heart swells with joy and pride, causing him to say, with a gleam in his eye and a lump in his throat, "That's my boy," or, "A chip off the old block."

While this is the human reaction of a father who is pleased with the work of his son, God, also, from the councils of all eternity, looked down through the starry network of His created stratosphere and proclaimed a divine pride in His only begotten Son as John was baptizing the God-man to begin the work for which He had been prepared. Not once was the Father to worry because of a wayward son, to sigh because of a failed mission, or to repent for making so great a sacrifice, for Christ fulfilled all the expectations and promises of His Father by forsaking gold to earn iron spikes, forsaking jasper to dwell in fugitiveness, forsaking honor to receive blasphemy, forsaking jewels to wear thorns, forsaking prestige to bear stripes, forsaking water of life to drink gall, and forsaking a throne to hang on a cross. For, "who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name" (RSV—Philippians 2:6-9). From this humiliation to exaltation, mankind can look not only at the Son's earthly fulfillment, which has already passed, but can look for the fulfillment of the Son as the King of kings and Lord of lords as "he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him: . . .and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. . . . I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty."

His son, PAUL LAVERN WALKER, is in his first year of the ministry, serving at present as pastor at Newberry, South Carolina. He is a promising minister and talented musician.

THE SON FULFILLS REDEMPTION AND DELIVERANCE

AFTER legalism, ritualism, ceremonialism, and a broken law had failed to make the mediation between man and God, Jesus Christ donned the robes of Redeemer and Deliverer to fulfill the promise of the Father as the hope of the covenant, and to unlock the gates of hell and lead the watching, waiting, longing prisoners of hope free to ascend with Him on high to receive their reward in the promised Messiah, whose law was written on the fleshly tables of their hearts. Ephesians 4:8-10, "Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)"

THE SON FULFILLS THE FATHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Over seven hundred years after the Father, Himself, had announced the birth of His Son, Mary, a virgin, was astounded by the presence of the angel Gabriel and dumbfounded by the news, "Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus" (Luke 1:31). This Babe, born in Bethlehem of Judea, was heralded into human existence by a choir of angels, but was ushered out of a sin-cursed world by a mob of infidels. THE SON HAD FULFILLED THE PROMISE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FATHER.

THE SON FULFILLS AS THE ROAD BUILDER

John the Baptist blazed the trail of salvation by preaching repentance and belief in the one following him who would bring the kingdom of heaven. The Son followed this survey by John and brought not the literal and tangible kingdom that many expected, but an invisible and intangible kingdom to the hearts of all who would believe in Him. John 1:12, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Thus, the Son became the great Contractor and Road Builder, who would make the rough places smooth and crooked places straight. Luke 3:5, 6, ". . . and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

THE SON FULFILLS THE GOSPEL

The gospel was brought by Jesus Christ as He fulfilled the good news of the Father's justification of man through faith in His Son. This gospel is for the

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Man and missions

from the
Foreign Missions Executive Secretary's Desk
PAUL H. WALKER
1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee

BIRTHDAY OFFERING FOR CHRIST

IT HAS BEEN a long standing policy in the Church of God to receive birthday offerings in our Sunday Schools, and in recent years a number of states have practiced receiving a Christ birthday offering on Christmas, which, incidentally, this year would amount to $19.52 in behalf of the foreign missions. If every Sunday School in America, including Sunday School classes, would raise this Christ birthday offering and appropriate it to foreign missions, it would be surprising to know how great an amount this small effort would create.

In states where they have budgets, I have known the Christ birthday offering being made up to the entire amount, and even more was raised. If you are on a budget, I should like to pass on as a suggestion that you have the Christ birthday plan in mind and start working it immediately. You will be surprised how easy it will be to pay off your local church budget for your state program. If you don't have a budget, then use the Christ birthday offering for foreign missions to build up your state convention mission offering to carry to the state convention.

If every Sunday School and every class in each Sunday School throughout the United States of America would practice this, it would mean the salvation of many souls in time to come.

WORLD BANK

WE NOW HAVE available a very attractive little world bank. It is about three inches in diameter, mounted on a three and one-half inch red base. The global part of the bank is light blue, on which is printed the map of the world in several different colors.

The supply we have on hand will soon be exhausted, but we plan to keep these banks on hand for pastors and churches interested in purchasing them, to be used for the purpose of raising money for the local church in behalf of foreign missions.

Every Church of God family should have one of these banks. Put it on your dining table. That's what we are doing—Sister Walker, the twins, and I. We drop our pennies in the bank each day, and occasionally we drop in a little silver. It is surprising how much it amounts to. I feel that in giving this way I am giving to God what I might have been spending for liquor, tobacco, or some other worldly habit, if the Lord had not saved me from my sins. I am certainly glad to give it to God, and when I shall have come to the end of my journey I shall know that my life has been filled with service worth while, dedicated to a cause for which Jesus died and made a reality in my heart. Many of you share this same position, and if you would like to have 50, 100, or 200 of these banks, you may order them from the Church of God Missions Department, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.

The cost of the bank is 11c per bank, plus mailing charges. The mailing charge is only a few cents per bank. You may get the banks separately or by the dozen. We are letting you have them for what they cost us. We want you to use them to help us in this great crusade for Christ in behalf of the missions cause. When I speak of foreign missions, I refer to that provided through the atonement on Calvary. We must go out into the highways and hedges and bring them in. Let's work together!

COULD YOU HELP AN URGENT NEED

FROM PALESTINE (Jordan) the call comes urgently and pathetically, "Please have your friends in America send us some used clothing before Christmas."

The cold weather has already started in Palestine, and thousands are shivering in the few clothes they possess, which are far too short of enough to keep them warm. The death rate in the Jordan Kingdom of Palestine soars terribly high each winter because of the lack of warm clothing, proper food, and shelter.

You could help this situation if you could only get together a few boxes of good used clothing and get them off immediately in the mail. I can assure you it would gladden the hearts of many who otherwise are despondent and desperate souls.

The Christmas season in these parts last upward toward the middle of January, and if your package does not reach us by December 25, but is a few days later, it will still be in time for their Christmas, so please lend your heart and soul to this urgent and needy appeal.

It would be better that all the clothes sent were in as good condition as possible so as to produce the best results, both in their use and the expense incurred in postage.

Send these packages to: Reverend D. B. HATFIELD, IN CARE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD, BOX 7, BETHLEHEM, THE HASHIMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN. Mark the boxes 'Used Clothing for Free Distribution.' Consult your postmaster relative to the regulations. The package is not to exceed eleven pounds, however you may send as many packages as you wish.

We are sincerely wishing for you a most happy and merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year abounding in an abundance of good things.—D. B. Hatfield, Missionary Superintendent of Middle East.

DORA P. MYERS IN INDIA:

ON NOVEMBER 20 our missionary, Sister Dora P. Myers, wrote: "We have finished a two weeks' revival in the school. One student was baptized with the Holy Ghost. The spirit that was manifested was wonderful, and the mighty power of God was felt. I am sure some real good was done for the Master's kingdom.

Before I became ill last year, I organized two women's meetings and then had to give them up. I am going to begin one again tomorrow, and for four Fridays I expect to start a new one, then go to each once a month myself and send our girls from the school to take care of the other weeks. I feel they need this training so they will develop good women's meetings in their own and neighboring churches."

Sister Myers is putting forth a great effort for God. We join her, I am sure, in our prayers.

The Homemakers' CHAPEL

". . . AND CERTAIN WOMEN"

By Mrs. G. R. Watson

GOD, in His beautiful plan for mankind, so arranged it that every age group, male and female, could have a place of service in His vineyard. Man, of course, who is the image and glory of God, stands at the head of the list as leader in the home and Church. Youth, to whom was given much admonition, exhortation and privilege, with its strength and zeal certainly holds a high position in the work of the kingdom.

The Lord Jesus loves little children, also, and He affectionately said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his **work** be pure and whether it be right." There is another group that has caused much misunderstanding and controversy, but needlessly so, for the HOMEMAKER, too, has a great place in the work of the Lord.

Soon afterward He went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with Him, also "certain women" who had been healed—Mary, Joanna, Susanna and MANY OTHERS—who **provided** for them out of their means. Whether this was a missionary group or a Ladies Willing Workers Band (both, it seems) the women went on the missionary journeys with Jesus and the Twelve and provided for them of their means.

These women ministered the material needs of Jesus during His earthly ministry; opened the doors of their homes for religious services, as well as for meals and lodging; one of them anointed His body beforehand for burying; one washed His feet with her tears and dried them with her hair; another gave all she had. These women were last at the cross and first at the tomb; first to see the resurrected Christ; first to proclaim the resurrection message; first preacher to the Jews (Anna); attended the first prayer meeting. Women were first to greet Christian missionaries in Europe, and the first European convert was a woman.

OF all the men who persecuted and mistreated Jesus during His earthly stay, it is interesting to note that nowhere in the Gospels is there a record of any woman ever being hostile to Him.

In the beginning of the Church age we find the women taking a great part in the work Jesus had commissioned His disciples to carry on. They were referred to as "devout" and "honorable" women, "chief" women, NOT A FEW, working in the capacity of prophetesses, servants (ministers), workers, and helpers. "I commend unto you Phoebe, our sister, which is a servant of the church . . . ASSIST her in whatsoever BUSINESS she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of MANY, and of myself also." ". . . Mary bestowed much labor on us."

Today Jesus has Marys, Joannas, Susannas, and MANY OTHERS working faithfully to help promote His kingdom, in the home, Church, and many other fields, and they will certainly have their share among the "rewarded" on that great day.

NEWSPAPER TRIBUTE TO A CHRISTIAN GIRL

Pretty Naomi Jean Lawson, 14, died of cancer on October 7, and the folks at the Church of God, 1419 Waughtown Street, are still taking it real hard. They miss her sunny disposition, her cheery "good morning."

She was the foster daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce T. McKinley, 3720 Clinard Avenue. The McKinleys helped establish the local Church of God eight years ago.

Naomi's brief life was well spent. She seemed to have a talent for making people smile; she went out of her way to perform little acts of kindness, and was always saying something nice about people.

When the cruel disease forced her to her bed, she finished the seventh and eighth school grades with the aid of a two-way radio, the teachers keeping in contact with her during classes as she lay in her bed. She finished the eighth grade last year.

She was a substitute teacher in Sunday School, sang solos in the choir. She and two smaller children formed a singing trio that always drew plaudits from their listeners.

Naomi Jean left her stamp on her church, and now members of the congregation are talking about dedicating a Sunday School room in her memory.—**Twin City Sentinel,** October 30, 1952, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

NOTICES

After December 15 please address all mail to C. W. Collins or Church of God State Office to Box 6301, Phoenix, Arizona.

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My wife, Rev. Helen L. Morrow, is very sick and will be at Hot Springs, Ark., for a number of weeks for treatment. I trust this will not be too great a disappointment to all the friends who were planning to be in our home at Christmas time.—W. M. Morrow, Box 2, Lockhart, S. C.

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NEW MEXICO STATE PRAYER CONFERENCE

TIME: January 19, 20, 1953

PLACE: Church of God, 1109 W. Fox Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico

Services begin at 2:00 p. m., January 19.—Brady Dennis, State Overseer.

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To those wishing to contact me, my address is: Fifty-first Street and Thirteenth Avenue, North, Birmingham, Ala. Phone, 59-7990. I am in full-time evangelistic work.—C. E. Richard.

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I am now stationed in Okinawa, and wanted to let my many friends whom I met in the service while in the states know that I will be here for two years. I am doing all that I can for Jesus among the boys and people here, and I desire your prayers more than ever before. Hearing from you would be a pleasure for me.—A. Frank Scott, A. F. 15448245, APO 239, 16332 Supply Sq., c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

WHAT HAPPENED AT PENTECOST?

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ceived the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Paul found twelve disciples in Ephesus, and his first question was, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Paul was interested in what they had since they believed, rather than what they received when they believed. This is conclusive evidence that there is an experience for the individual after he becomes a believer. Each believer should have and enjoy this wonderful reality. The need of the Church and the individual today is a reproduction of Pentecost.

JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME

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ciples out of the city, lifted up His hands and blessed them, and said, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power from on high."

Acts 1:9-11, "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Therefore, we do not look for another, but this *same* loving, understanding, sympathetic Jesus.

THE FATHER FORETELLS

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shows Him as a "tender plant," a "root out of a dry ground," "with no form nor comeliness," "no beauty to be desired." The Father foretells of Him as one "being despised, rejected, as a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief." The Father foretells how He "bore our griefs, carried our sorrows, yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted." On and on and on the Father foretells of His oppression, affliction, slaughter, imprisonment, judgment, His being cut off out of the land of the living; He made His grave with the wicked. The Father tells of His bruising, His grief, and His soul offering for sin.

The Father foretells of His being a "NAIL FASTENED IN A SURE PLACE." Isaiah 22:23, 25, "And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house." This unspeakable Gift had hung on Him every Old Testament ordinance, law, and carnal commandment, and every bit of legalism, and when He died, that which was on Him died with Him, and the Father FORETELLS OF HIS BEING THE HIDING PLACE!

Isaiah 32:2, "An hiding place from the wind."

"Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the angry billows roll,
While the tempest still is high."

What a great Father to make such revelations, and they to be our security. The Father foretells Him to be "a covert from the tempest, rivers of water in a dry place, as a shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

WHILE I crossed a burning desert sometime ago, it seemed I would never see the beautiful green again. There were the mirages that appeared as pools of water, but when we got to them it was all a fancy. On ahead they appeared again and again, but only to misguide and disappoint us. Alas, in the distance a small grove of trees, and soon we saw a sparkling pool of water, an oasis in the desert; our thirsty souls were refreshed. Isaiah 55:1, "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

THE FATHER FORETELLS THE GOSPEL

Isaiah 52:7. The gospel of glad tidings was brought in the early morning while the dew was yet on the ground. The sparkling leggings made of brass glistened in the rays of an early rising sun as the messenger swiftly ran across the ridges. The response of the observer in the valleys was, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" As the Father foretells the gospel, so is it carried on by the Son.

THE FATHER MAKES PROMISE TO THE GENTILES

The Father, in Isaiah 42:1-4 shows He is not unmindful of the Gentiles, but that He has also made provision for them. He said, "Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: HE SHALL BRING FORTH JUDGMENT TO THE GENTILES. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and a smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto the truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law."

The Father, knowing the fate of mankind without one to plead their cause, did not forget the Gentiles. Their smoking flax was not quenched; their bruised reed had not been broken, so the heavenly Father could not cut them off, but had to graft them in. They then became a part of God's economy in redemption, and the Father provided a Son to shine the glorious gospel unto them.

A GOOD FATHER FORETELLS DANGER, EVEN SENSES IT OFTTIMES

It was quite late in the fall when Father and I started out to round up the sheep. It was near 4 p. m. on that fall day. We went our way on foot for two or three miles. Father saw it was going to be a long trip and decided to send me back to the house. Dark gray clouds had gathered. Soon it began to snow thicker and faster, and the wind began to blow over the bleak prairies of the Dakotas. I lost my way and wandered in the storm. All sense of direction was gone. The night was coming on, and it was getting colder and colder. As a child, fear struck deep into my heart, and I cried aloud for help. No response came. I cried again and again, and tears were streaming down my cheeks. I WAS LOST! Finally, in the distance I heard the sweetest voice. Yes, it was my father. He feared for me and came to my rescue. My, how I responded to his call, my Father's call! Our heavenly Father calls today to lost men and women. Won't you hear His voice and come to Him?

THE SON FULFILLS

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whole man in the whole world, but can only be propagated by those who realize "how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (Romans 10:15).

THE SON FULFILLS THE PROMISE TO THE GENTILES

THE JEWS, for centuries, could boast of a peerless heritage through Abraham, the father of the faithful and the receiver of the covenant. Also, they were the possessors of a clear and unalterable revelation of God through the oracles of God which were committed to them by the Father. Although the Gentiles were not recipients of the covenant, nor doers of the law, they still become partakers of God's redemption and grace, for the Father's promise is, through faith, the free gift of God which is necessary for Jew and Gentile, regardless of the law, heredity, or circumcision which is the sign and seal of the covenant, for, "therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith" (Romans 3:28-30). The Son, therefore, became the exponent of the faith necessary for all, regardless of race, creed, or color, to be justified in the sight of God. Thus, the Son fulfilled the promise of the Father, and the Gentiles stand with a release from the condemnation of God and can proclaim, with hearts filled with repentance for their wandering from nature's initial revelation of God into idolatry and corruption, "A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust" (Matthew 12:20, 21).

THE SON FULFILLS A MARRED FACE

Matthew 26:67, "Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote him with the palms of their hands." This humiliation suffered by the divine Son of God fulfilled the prophecy of the Father who paid the price of redemption by allowing His Son to be marred beyond recognition.

THE SON FULFILLS DEATH

AFTER entering a cleaning establishment in a certain city one day, I was detained by one of the clerks who, in a shy sort of way, asked me my name, family, and residence, for she said I bore a close resemblance to a son she had lost on the battlefields of Korea. As the elderly lady and mother of three proceeded to tell me of her lost boy, with tear-filled eyes, I was apprehensive of the great sacrifice this woman made to her country. My sympathy was short-lived, however, for she turned from her story of tragedy to one of pride in a son who had given up his life for a cause greater and deeper than human emotions or the pangs of death could ever reach. From this, I, with heavy heart, was made to think of the great sacrifice God had made when He bankrupt heaven of its most precious jewel to save a worm such as I. With my imagination's eye I could view the heavy and sorrowful heart of the Father as He watched His only begotten Son trade the peace of heaven for the turmoil of the fugitive, the honor of angels for the hounding of heathens, the comfort of a Prince for the crack of a scourge, the crown of a King for a mockery of thorns, and the life of the Divine for the death of a thief. The Father felt every slap, every curse, every jeer, every stripe, every wound, and every bloody step that led from Pilate's Hall to Calvary's brow, but instead of commanding a legion of angels with spears poised and shields ready to aid His divine Son, He waited until He heard the dying words of a beloved Son giving His life for the sins of the world, "It is finished." Then, with eyes choking with tears but a heart filled with pride, the Father turned to the hosts of eternity and proclaimed in a voice that has echoed through the corridors of history, time, and the Bible to every sinner on the face of the globe, "THIS IS MY BELOVED SON IN WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED."

In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF WINONA

We wish to express appreciation to our many friends who so graciously sent us cards, telegrams, letters, and the beautiful floral offerings during the sickness and death of our daughter and wife.—The Jernigan family and Perdue Stanley.

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DECK

Charles Orval Deck of Alvin, Illinois, passed away November 26 at 11:15 a. m. Surviving him are his wife, Edna, and 2 daughters, Carmen and Lela.

He was a member of the Church of God and his consecrated life was a blessing to many. His many friends will miss him very much. He was 57 years, 7 months, and 17 days old. He lived in this territory all his life.—Mrs. Edna Deck.

DUNN

Brother James T. Dunn passed to his reward October 29, 1952. He was loved by all who knew him and will be missed by all. He leaves to mourn his death his mother and stepfather, his brother and sisters, and many relatives. Our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. John W. Blow.

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McGONICAL

Mrs. Grace McGonical, wife of Oren McGonical, went home to receive her reward November 23, 1952, at the age of 66. She was a member of South Fairview Church of God in Pennsylvania. She is survived by her husband, 9 children, 16 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and one brother and sister. She will be missed by all who knew her, but we know our loss is heaven's gain. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Russel Negley, and Rev. Boyd Baynard.—Mrs. Ruth C. Brandt.

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OXFORD

James Morgan Oxford, 71, died at his home in Shawneetown early Monday morning, November 3. He died of cancer following an illness of several weeks. He was an active member of the Church of God in Shawneetown. Funeral services were conducted at the Shawneetown Church of God with Rev. A. T. Utley of Eldorado officiating at the final rites. Interment was in the Westwood Cemetery near Shawneetown. Surviving him are his wife, many relatives, and friends. He is sadly missed by all.—John E. Padgett, Shawneetown, Illinois.

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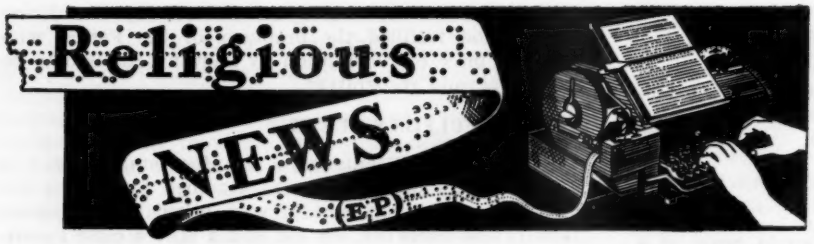
CORNETT

Mrs. Minnie Cornett was born March 29, 1893, and passed away October 3, 1952. She was a member of the Church of God at Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Susie Gilbert of Lawrenceburg; Sarah Cornett, New Castle, Indiana; four sons, Elihu Kilburn, Samuel Cornett Russell of Lawrenceburg; Taylor of U. S. Marines; 8 grandchildren, 2 sisters, 1 brother, and many friends.



PREDICTS ISRAEL TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT SOON

NEW YORK (EP) The discoverer of King Solomon's Mines, Dr. Nelson Glueck, head of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, this week declared, upon his return to the United States from a trip to Israel, that "archeologists and American investors in Israel Bonds are jointly responsible for opening the way to exploitation of valuable copper deposits in the ancient mines."

"After seeing what has been done in extracting minerals from the Negev, the work on the Lake Huleh swamp area in Galilee and the Kishon Harbor project near Haifa, I am more than ever convinced that Israel will overcome its economic difficulties and be self-sufficient within the next few years," he added.

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TO CELEBRATE MOODY'S BIRTHDAY

CHICAGO (EP) In observance of D. L. Moody's 116th birthday, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago will hold its 47th annual Founder's Week, February 2-8. The conference will feature outstanding speakers, a missionary symposium and Alumni Day. The speakers' roster includes Dr. William Culbertson, president of the Institute; Dr. Robert A. Cook, president of Youth for Christ; Dr. Vance Havner, author and evangelist; Dr. G. Allen Fleece, Columbia Bible College; and Dr. Albert G. Johnson, Hinson Memorial Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. Audiences totaling more than 60,000 are expected to attend the sessions.

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H-BOMB INAUGURATES APOCALYPTIC AGE

(EP) News commentators warned recently that a still more awesome apocalyptic age has been inaugurated as a result of the possible H-bomb explosion in the Far Pacific. Although official confirmation is still lacking, eyewitness reports indicate that such explosion has actually taken place. A Philadelphia scientist estimated that in comparison with the Hiroshima blast, this probably was a "baby" hydrogen bomb composed of 30 pounds of critical material "held in a liquid state at 400 degrees below zero in a super thermos bottle." The incredible heat can actually melt large sections of earth into glass and destroy all life over an area of more than a hundred square miles.

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New York, one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities, is today an extremely needy mission field. It has more Jews than Palestine, more Catholics than Rome, and Protestants holding only third place in rank of population. Among the thousands professing affiliation with other religious bodies are Buddhists and Mohammedans.

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Although only 14 per cent of the families in the U. S. A. are Roman Catholic, yet these produce 24.3 per cent of the total births. In 100 years, said a priest in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, America will be Roman Catholic by sheer majority of population.

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The city council of Jerusalem has adopted a resolution to name twelve streets of the Biblical city after the twelve tribes of Israel. The council also decided to name new streets after the judges and kings of Bible times.

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Two weeks after Kansas voted wet, Wichita police noted 70 per cent increase in arrests for drunkenness during the daytime, 30 to 40 per cent after dark.

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The 1,100,000 Jews from all over the world who have now returned to Israel are twenty-five times as many as those who left Babylon under Zerubbabel (Nehemiah 7).

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Jewish archeologists have uncovered another ancient city—called Beth Yerach—on the southeastern shores of the Sea of Galilee which they think could be as much as 5,000 years old. One of the two city walls, built of mud bricks, is about 30 feet wide and 15 feet high. The Israel Department of Antiquities has dated this section at 3,000-2,000 B.C.

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NINE CHURCHES CAUGHT ON FIRE YESTERDAY

(EP) Every day in the United States nine churches catch on fire. Many burn to the ground. These figures, supplied by the National Fire Protection Association, are startling. Think of it—sixty-three church fires every week during the year! Most of the church fires, as might be expected, occur early Sunday morning, when the premises are being heated for the day's activities. Most of them also, are during the early part of the winter, when unused furnaces and flues are being put to the first severe test after months of disuse. Probably 2,000 of the more than 3,000 church fires in the U. S. are between October 1 and January 1.

The NFPA's fire control formula ought to be followed in every church in the land. Here it is: (1) Inspect property regularly. (2) Detect fire hazards promptly. (3) Correct fire hazards immediately. (4) Build safely and well. (5) Limit what there is to burn. (6) Safeguard all sources of ignition. (7) Remember that clean property is safer. (8) Know what to do if fire breaks out.

To which we would add: Check up on the fire insurance and make sure it is adequate.

Church people should set an example in matters of safety and conservation, thus showing their appreciation of their material as well as their spiritual blessings. We do not have churches to burn, and few things are more disheartening to a congregation than to lose its building through fire or other disaster. Here, as elsewhere, prevention costs far less than repair of damage.

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REPORTS

THOMASTON, GEORGIA, HAS HOME-COMING

October 12, 1952, marked a very important day for the Thomaston Church of God. Our $55,000 church debt was paid off, and the notes were burned.

We were fortunate to have our state overseer, Rev. D. C. Boatwright, and our state youth director, Rev. Perdue Stanley, with us. We also had a trio of Lee College rendering some beautiful singing, which we enjoyed. The noon message was delivered by Brother Boatwright. His subject was "God's Secret Society." It was a message that will always be remembered by those who heard it.

At approximately 12:15 o'clock, the photographer came and took pictures of the burning of the notes. There were shouts of praise as the notes went up in flames. One of our former pastors, Rev. W. H. Gann, was present to help us share in the victory. To our regret, Rev. D. T. Toler, former pastor, to whom we owe the credit of building this beautiful building, could not be present, but we will always remember him for the fine work he did while he was pastor.

A basket dinner was spread at the lunch hour which served the great crowd who attended.

The afternoon service was enjoyed greatly with singing by different groups. We had many visitors from the city rendering their service. The meeting was climaxed with a very inspiring message from our youth director.

In the picture reading from left to right are: Our state overseer, Rev. D. C. Boatwright; our youth director, Rev. Perdue Stanley; our pastor, who has worked so faithfully these past two years, Rev. W. E. Wright; our Sunday School superintendent, who has done a fine work, Brother John Matthews; and Brother M. B. Taylor, our clerk, who has worked hard and done a fine job of handling the money of this great work.

Several new features have been added to our church since Brother Wright has been with us. We have purchased a nice Hammond organ that we are really proud of; it has added so much to our services. It was also paid off with the church debt. A nice nursery has been added to the balcony, which has proved a great asset to the church. We have also purchased nice carpets and curtains, through the help of the L. W. W. B. We are looking forward to still greater things in the future, especially spiritual things, by the help of the Lord and our able pastor.—Mrs. Alice Page, Reporter.

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LANDSLIDE SUNDAY-NIGHT SERVICE

BRISTOL, Tenn.—Last Sunday night's service in Bristol resulted in a landslide service, with 12 saved, 7 sanctified, and 5 baptized with the Holy Ghost. The church rejoices over this victory.—Colon T. Dunn, Pastor.

BEULAH, N. Dak.—On November 30 the Church of God in Beulah, North Dakota, dedicated its lovely new church to God. The day was even more of a success than we had dared expect, since we are so far from other Churches of God. The attendance was wonderful. The services opened with Sunday School at the usual time, 149 in attendance, which, I believe, was an all-time high. Then at the eleven o'clock service we were favored with a great sermon by Reverend Washek, a member of the faculty at the Northwest Bible School in Minot. The ladies of the church served dinner in the church basement, and everyone enjoyed the good food and the fellowship that prevailed. In the afternoon, at the two o'clock service, the dedicatory sermon was delivered by our beloved state overseer, Brother Painter. After seeing how God used him to bless our hearts with the Bread of Life, we all appreciate him more than ever. The evening message was delivered by Brother McLuhan, president of the Northwest Bible School. This, too, was a great message, and a good altar service followed. Brother McLuhan returned and preached for us on the 2d and 3d of December.

This new church is the first of its kind for the Church of God in this state, and I believe it is the first in either of the Dakotas. The inner wall is of 4-inch tile. Then there is a 2-inch dead-air space and a 4-inch brick outer wall, making a 10-inch wall. The main auditorium is 34 by 60 feet, with a 12-by-26-foot entrance, with a full basement under both the auditorium and the entrance. The walls are finished with plaster and the ceiling is of acoustic tile. The heating unit was installed by the Holland Furnace Company and is the largest unit they sell. There are 6 cold-air returns and 4 hot-air registers in the main auditorium, with a hot-air register in each of 2 Sunday School rooms, and one in the lounge, one in each of 2 rest rooms, and 2 in the basement. The roof is of the best patented shingles to be had. We recognize the fact that to God alone belongs all the praise and honor and glory for giving us this wonderful church, and we do praise Him. But I also wish to credit the brethren and their good wives for their untiring effort in the building of this church. When I took up the first offering on

the church, they gave about $900. Then, when the time came to start the actual work, they came with their hammers, saws, etc., and went to work with a will. They manifested the best spirit of cooperation I have ever seen. Whenever problems arose, we went to our very efficient building committee (Brother R. Reich, chairman; Brother Emanuel Becker, and Brother Albert Pfenning), and they always knew just what to do. At no time did they worry me with details. I only watched the progress from day to day. When our plumbing is installed we will have a church well worth $40,000, and all that we owe on it now is less than $800, with the exception of the heating unit. Many said, "You can never do it," but by the grace of God we did. When I came back to Beulah as pastor I found that under their former pastor, Rev. Sandberg, they had already sold the old church, purchased the lots for the new building, and had the basement poured. The building spirit was already instilled in the church. This made it much easier to proceed with the work than if we had had to start from the beginning when I came. For this we thank God.

We are in a revival now. Different ones from the Northwest Bible School have been doing the preaching. Two were saved last night; 2 new members came into the church last month. The revival is continuing next week with Rev. Fred Barker, our state youth director, doing the preaching. The attendance is good, and new faces are appearing in our congregation from time to time. Pray for us.—E. E. Coleman, pastor.

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SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our convention started Saturday afternoon with the ministers' meeting, in which our beloved state overseer, Rev. D. C. Boatwright, taught us the twelfth chapter of Romans. Our hearts were made to burn within us because of the breadth of this chapter and its application to our present-day needs. There was a lovely fellowship shown among our ministers. The Saturday night service was certainly blessed with the presence of the Holy Ghost. The messages were that it is harvest time. Brother Boatwright did not preach, but he gave the altar call, and several were saved and sanctified and 2 received the Holy Ghost. The mission service on Sunday was truly a success. Brother Boatwright preached a wonderful message. The offering was $350.12. This was above the amount of last year, despite the fact that we had two less churches to contribute this year—Statesboro and Oak Grove. They were put on a new district. Everyone left saying that this was surely the best convention we have ever had.—Daisy Kight, District Reporter.

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URBANA, ILLINOIS, HOME-COMING

Sunday, October 5, was a glorious day for the Church of God in Urbana. This being a home-coming day, the Lord met with us in a great way. We had 154 in Sunday School, which broke the record attendance that was set 8 years ago.

We have recently renovated the parsonage and painted the church inside. We raised $849.70 cash on Sunday morning to liquidate all our indebtedness (including an old lumber bill which was made in 1928).

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Joplin, of McLeansboro, were with us, and Brother Joplin delivered a very inspiring message at the 11 o'clock service. A basket lunch was spread at noon, which was greatly enjoyed.

In the afternoon service we had an overflowing congregation, which made the pastor and church realize more than ever the need of a larger building. Brother Jordon took pledges amounting to $2,025 on a new church. We plan to start building soon.

Brother Carl Hanvey and family, of Springfield, were with us and Brother Hanvey brought a forceful message.

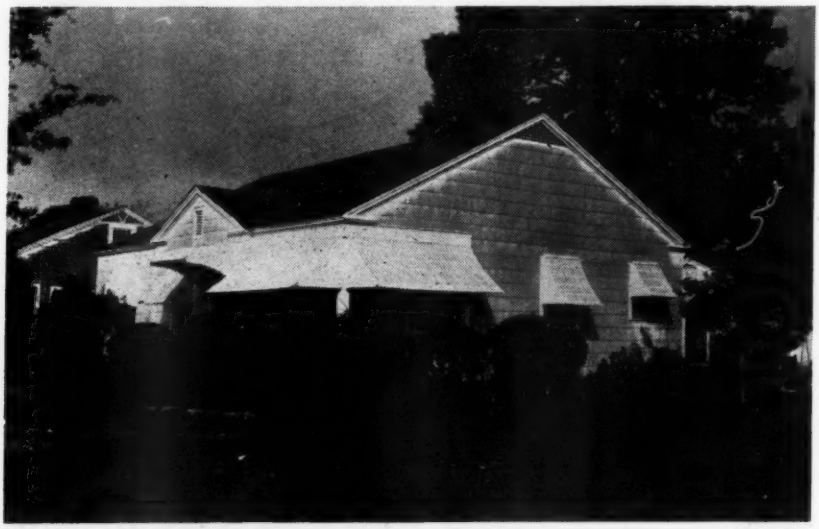
We were happy to have our district pastor and family; Brother Sam Edmunds, of Clinton; Brother Johnson, of Erwin, Tennessee; Brother and Sister Joel Irvin, of Decatur; Brother and Sister Christy, of Alvin; and Brother Richardson, pastor of the Assembly of God in Campaign, with us.

The church has been greatly blessed since Brother Jordon has come here as our pastor. There have been 28 additions to the church.

We started a revival the night of the home-coming. Two were saved and one received the Holy Ghost. Brother Jordon is doing the preaching, and we are expecting great things for the church. We also have a radio broadcast on Sunday morning from 8 to 8:30, called the "Church of God Hour," over Station WIID in Urbana. We already have new people coming to church as a result of the radio broadcast.

The L. W. W. B. has not been active for over a year, but has been reorganized and is doing a good work. It has refurnished the living room and bought an innerspring mattress and drapes for the parsonage, for which the pastor and his family are very appreciative.

LAUREL CHURCH PURCHASES NEW PARSONAGE



The Laurel, Mississippi Church of God has reached another goal-post of achievement—the purchasing of the above parsonage at a cost of $8,500.

This particular church was organized October 23, 1938, with 38 members. The church pastor at that time, Rev. H. E. Lambert, and his family united with the Church of God at the same time. He remained at the Laurel church about fourteen months before assuming the duties of State Evangelist. Rev. Lambert came back to pastor this church two years ago. It has been by the help of the Lord that the congregation has grown from 28 members to 156.

About eight years ago, Rev. Colon Dunn moved this church from Masonite Drive to its present location. We have a lovely brick-veneer structure to which we hope to add an educational department in the near future.

Our newly acquired parsonage is located just across 13th Avenue and the church. The address is One Woodlawn Drive. It was purchased from the Jones County Baptist Association. These people refused to sell to anyone else because of its proximity to our church. They decided it would please God for them to locate in another part of town for which we are thankful to the Lord and to the Association.

We are also being blessed spiritually—our services are permeated with the glory and blessings of God and our tithes for the past two years have exceeded any previous administration of the church—better still—are still climbing higher.

Help us to pray that we can reach all the lost of this city and its surroundings areas to bring many to Christ.—Vennie Lambert, Reporter.

REVIVALS

TELEGRAM

Great revival now in progress at the Union Grove, Georgia, Church of God. First 10 nights 62 saved, 31 received baptism of the Holy Ghost, and many outstanding healings. The revival continues with Evangelist J. E. Smeltzer. —M. B. Norris, Pastor.

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GRANVILLE, Tenn.—Brindleys Chapel Church of God was blessed in a revival which closed November 16. Rev. R. L. Sifford, of Johnson City, was the evangelist. His messages were anointed by the Holy Ghost and night after night moved the hearts of the people. Four were saved, four sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, 4 baptized in water, and 3 added to the church. One of these was an elderly man making his start for the Lord. The church was richly blessed by the revival. Rev. Sifford's ministry will bless any church.—T. R. Martin, Pastor.

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McCOLL, S. C.—For the past two and a half weeks we have seen one of the greatest revivals our church has had. Thirty-four were saved, 14 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 added to the church. Rev. Roy Burroughs, of Anderson, is the evangelist, and the revival is still in progress. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way, and many nights souls prayed through during the message. I certainly thank God for pouring out His Spirit upon us here at McColl. We also broke our Sunday School record attendance of 310. We had 347 in Sunday School today.—F. D. Black, Pastor.

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EAST DAYTON, Ohio—We recently closed a marvelous revival at the East Dayton church with Evangelist Annie Kilgore. This was our first revival since the appointment of Rev. Haskel Jenkins as pastor. We truly thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Jenkins. Not only has our Sunday School doubled in attendance, but great increases have been seen in every department of the church in the short time they have been here. They are real spiritual leaders and are willing to sacrifice all for His cause.

We believe this to have been the greatest revival in the history of the East Dayton church. Sister Kilgore has a great ability for explaining the Scriptures so that conviction is felt strong throughout the congregation, and sinners come to God. Eleven were baptized with the Holy Ghost, 9 sanctified, 15 baptized in water, 27 added to the church, and a large number saved.

We also thank God for His healing power and request your prayers for His divine guidance in our present program of securing a parsonage.—Mary Ford.

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SADDLE TREE, N. C.—We have had a wonderful revival at the Saddle Tree Church of God, with Rev. C. O. Carter as the evangelist. Thirty-five were saved, 20 sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church. The church was inspired by the preaching of the gospel. Brother Carter's address is Route 9, Box 331, Concord, N. C. Pray much for us.—Mrs. Eula Mae Barnes.

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PAW CREEK, N. C.—We are happy to report that the Church of God at Paw Creek has just had a great revival. Brother Ayers was with us 2 weeks, which was a great blessing to the church. There were many saved and several blessed in other ways, and also several were added to the church as a result of this revival. We are happy to report that Brother H. L. Helms, our good pastor, has been a great blessing to our church, and it is growing in every department. The Sunday School is growing by leaps and bounds. It has increased from 67 to 151. We have just closed a 5 weeks' financial drive in which we raised $815.79. We have refurnished our parsonage completely, and this is all paid for, for which we give all the praise to our Lord. We have had the District Sunday School Banner for 3 months. The Lord has really blessed us with a wonderful pastor, and the Lord is pouring out His Spirit in a wonderful way.—S. L. McGee.

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ROBINETT, W. Va.—We have just had a two-week revival here with Rev. Oney Cook, of Campus, West Virginia, bringing a soul-stirring message each night. The Lord surely did bless. Six were saved, 5 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 4 added to the church. Brother Cook is a wonderful evangelist.—Van D. Browning, Pastor.

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WARRIOR, Ala.—We have just had a three-week revival with Rev. Al Ragsdale as the evangelist. Sixteen were saved, 8 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the church. We broke all previous records in Sunday School with an attendance of 201.—G. R. Brown, Pastor.

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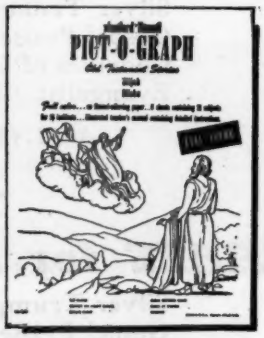

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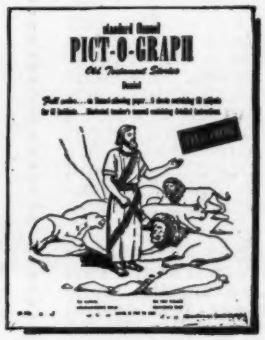

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